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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 22, 2007. Claims 3 and 4 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 2 and 5 to 13 having been cancelled. Claims 3 and 4, both of which are independent, have been amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

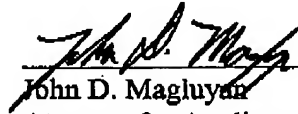
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of their base claims. In keeping with the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have rewritten Claims 3 and 4 into independent form and to include the substance of base Claim 1, which has been cancelled. Consequently, independent Claims 3 and 4 as amended are seen to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 5 to 7 and 9 to 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,177,800 (Kubby) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,115,783 (Reggia); and Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kubby in view of Reggia and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,801,967 (Snelling). Claims 1, 2 and 5 to 13 have been cancelled as noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance. Furthermore, a divisional directed to these cancelled claims is being filed. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejection.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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